

REMARKS

Claims 1 and 3 have been amended herein. Claims 1-10 remain pending in the above-identified application.

Section 102 - Claims 1, 2 and 6

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the rejection of claims 1, 2, and 6 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. publication number 2002/0030440 (Yamazaki). As amended, claims 1, 2, and 6 recite, among other things, a display apparatus including a plurality of lower electrodes patterned on a substrate and an auxiliary wiring disposed between adjacent lower electrodes at the same level as the lower electrodes and insulated from the lower electrodes.

Yamazaki discloses an electroluminescence device (see Fig. 8B) including a pixel electrode 711 and a connection wiring 715. Yamazaki fails to show a plurality of lower electrodes patterned on a substrate and an auxiliary wiring disposed between adjacent lower electrodes at the same level as the lower electrodes and insulated from the lower electrodes.

Because Yamazaki fails to show every feature of the claims, the rejection is improper. Accordingly, Applicants request the rejection be withdrawn.

Section 103 - Claims 3, 4, 5, and 7

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the rejection of claims 3, 4, 5, and 7 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. publication number 2002/0030440 (Yamazaki) in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,366,106 (Sakaguchi) in further view of U.S. Patent No. 6,147,451 (Shibata). Claims 3, 4, 5, and 7 depend from claim 1. Yamazaki does not show the subject matter of claim 1 as shown above. Further, Yamazaki, Sakaguchi, and Shibata, individually and in combination, fail to show or suggest a display apparatus including a plurality of lower electrodes patterned on a substrate and an auxiliary wiring disposed between adjacent lower electrodes at the same level as the lower electrodes and insulated from the lower electrodes.

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Because the references fail, individually and in combination, to show or suggest every feature of the claims, the rejection is improper. Accordingly, Applicants request the rejection be withdrawn.

Conclusion

As it is believed that the application is in condition for allowance, a favorable action and Notice of Allowance are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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